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SUBJECT: RADAR SALES TO ROC

1. CHARLES REHFELDT OF THE LAIFU TRADING COMPANY HAS WRITTEN THE EMBASSY REQUESTING ITS ASSISTANCE IN SELLING 22 RADAR SETS MANUFACTURED BY RCA TO THE CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. REHFELDT SAYS RCA IS THE ONLY U.S. FIRM IN THE BID COMPETITION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES ENGLISH, ITALIAN AND DUTCH FIRMS.

2. THE RCA EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION IS AN X-BAND TRACKING SYSTEM COMPRISED OF THE AN/TPQ-39 DIGITAL INSTRUMENTATION RADAR AND ANTENNA PEDESTAL FROM THE ASC-18SHF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE INTENDED USE OF THE RADAR SETS, ALTHOUGH EDWARD REHFELDT, JR., OF LAIFU SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USED IN A MILITARY AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WHILE MAAG SUGGESTS IT MAY BE FOR HARBOR SURVEILLANCE. CHARLES REHFELDT STATES THAT RCA HAS ADVISED HIM THAT THE SALE HAS ALREADY BEEN CLEARED WITH THE PENTAGON.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AND COMMENTS THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THE PROPOSED SALE INCLUDING REPORTED DOD APPROVAL OF PURCHASE. POPPLE

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